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HEADLINES!!

**JOINT SWANA/TCAPWA
CONFERENCE
(Conference presenters needed!!)**

**ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTION
OF DIRECTORS**

**MESSAGE FROM NEW
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

YEEHAWWW!!!! Only this well-thought-out phrase can adequately express the feelings of all in the Tennessee Volunteer SWANA chapter at the conclusion of this Quad State event. This year is the culmination of years, months, days, or hours of work by all of us. Pete, Mary and Eleanor have driven us all to make this event the success that it was. OK, Pete planned, Mary drove and Eleanor drove them and us. But it is finished.

Did I say YEEHAWWW???? Good. Just wanted to make sure that I got that out. For the few of you not there, we had over 400 registered attendees and 89 inside exhibits. To put that in perspective, at this years APWA/SWANA/TSITE Show, the goal is 50 booths. We had over a dozen outside exhibits. This show was a success. And it was the work of all of you that made it possible. I especially want to thank every person who worked on the committees. These people really performed:

Exhibits – Jimmy Scruggs and Andy Ashford.

Facility/Catering – Mary Anderson.

Golf Tournament – John deMoll and Ronald Brady.

Registration – Eleanor Sprowl, Eddie Yaun, Bill Brock, John C. Smith, Marian Bracknell, LaVonda Rose-Baker, Laura Macpherson, Dennis "Zip" Wright.

Social – Bob Fickle (who had heart bypass surgery and lost his dad during preparations for Quad State but who was at the conference and willing to help

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wherever needed), Keith Richardson, Bill Brock, Joe Connolly, Ron Johnson, Wayne Gill.
Technical Sessions – Jeff Breedlove.

I especially want to thank Jeff Breedlove for his work with the technical sessions and Andy Ashford with the exhibits. I've already said that we were overwhelmed with the exhibits response. The technical sessions were just as impressive. We had over 100 people in some sessions and they were really listening. The topics were varied and the presenters were great. And we can't forget the golf tournament. John deMoll did a great job. Well, he couldn't make me play as well as Pete, but everyone there had a big time.

We also imported the Trashman's Bash to Quad State. Elvis was in the building.

Ok, the rooms were not the newest and the showers had "get out quick" temp adjustment and it was a little hot all week. But, did I tell you we had the Trashman's Bash. And, oh yeah, we probably made a lil money.

YEEHAWWW!!!!

Well, enough about the party. One thing I want to talk about is bringing SWANA to you the members. We're pretty good about having meetings and parties, but I want us to come to you. I'm hoping this will grow into day meetings in different areas of the state allowing local members to meet for CEU credits. This helps all of you and adds value to being a SWANA member. Let me know at the Clarksville show what you think about this.

And, we are having a change in leadership. Mrs. Eleanor Sprowl is stepping down as our Executive Director. Eleanor has served us faithfully and admirably for a dozen years. She has driven us and driven us crazy, but she has ensured that we met all of our obligations in a timely and, in my case, semi-professional manner. We will all miss her tremendously. Mrs. Eleanor, we salute you. I know that you are going to work in San Antonio as a volunteer for the airport and the police. Understand you are also coming back to McMinnville to work the Warren County Fair. God Bless! Eleanor's replacement is Mary Anderson of Bi-County Solid Waste. See her in Clarksville and say hi. She has already been working hard. Oh, yes, did I tell you there was a party at Pigeon Forge?
YEEHAWWW!!!!

Eddie Anderson
President

JOINT SWANA/TCAPWA CONFERENCE

The joint conference this year is being held in Clarksville. The official conference hotel is the Riverview Inn. Exhibits and sessions will be held at the Morgan University Center at Austin Pea State University.

Go to www.tennessee.apwa.net and on the lower right hand side of the first page you will find the conference and exhibitor packets available to be printed off.

SWANA will be presenting sessions at this conference. **Session presenters are needed!!**

Contact Mary Anderson at mcanderson@montgomerycountyttn.org if you would be willing to be a session presenter in Clarksville.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The annual meeting and election of Directors of the SWANA TN Volunteer Chapter will be held on Sunday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Austin Peay University Center, Room 310, Clarksville. Attached is a ballot with proxy in the event you cannot be at the meeting and wish to designate a SWANA member who will be in attendance to cast your vote for you.

The September 2007 membership roster is being sent to you under a separate email.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Hello All! I will start by introducing myself. My name is Mary Anderson and I am the new Executive Director for the Tennessee Volunteer Chapter of SWANA as of September 1, 2007. (Unless Eleanor decides she wants to come out of retirement and then I will give the reins back to her.) I have a wonderful husband (Chad), two boys Brandon and Caleb (ages 10 & 6) and a black miniature schnauzer named Emma. I spend lots of time with my family as we love camping and hiking trails in the Great Smoky Mountains.

I am very humbled that the Board of Directors has faith in me to fill Eleanor's shoes. I can only hope that I will measure up to her level of commitment and dedication. As you all know Eleanor is not a large person (physically), but I have very LARGE shoes to fill in order to carry on her legacy with this chapter.

Please know that I will try my hardest and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need assistance with Chapter Business.

As an added note, I want each of you to know that Eleanor thinks the world of each one of you and considers all of us as part of her family. While attending conferences and eating at our favorite spots (O'Charleys and Calhoun's) Eleanor has shared her joys, concerns, and visions for the chapter with me. She is a very special person to us all (especially me) and I can only hope that I will be able to take over where she is leaving us and continue to move us forward.

Mary Anderson

QUAD STATE CONFERENCE

The 2007 Quad State Conference is now history and it was successful beyond the hopes and dreams of our chapter, especially considering the size and scope of such an undertaking for the very first time

We sold every exhibitor booth we had, ending up with 89 exhibitors. Over 400 people were registered, which included attendees, exhibitors, and those helping work exhibitor booths. The golf tournament was also an unqualified success with over 90 golfers participating.

We wish to thank our many generous sponsors who supported the conference, the golf tournament, and the Trashman's Bash with their donations. Your help is most appreciated.

Eddie Anderson donated a 50" TV for the grand prize drawing, as well as being a Gold Golf Sponsor. Your generosity, Eddie, made a NC chapter attendee who won the TV a very happy man!

Jimmy Scruggs and Andy Ashford are to be complimented on the wonderful trade show. Andy spent many hours assigning booths, handling questions and problems, and a huge thank you goes to him for all his hard work. Exhibitors were pleased the technical sessions were held in a room behind the exhibit area. Wednesday and Thursday in the exhibit area, Tinker Woods from the NC chapter had Curbie

the Robot going around greeting people, making friends, and bringing big smiles to people's faces.

Mary Anderson, chairperson of Facilities/Catering, worked closely with Tonya Givens with the Grand Resort Hotel to make sure all facility and catering functions were handled promptly.

Eleanor Sprowl handled Registration and sends sincere and heartfelt thanks to those who were on the committee who worked to help make the conference a success: Mary Anderson, LaVonda Baker-Rose, Marian Bracknell, Bill Brock, Laura MacPherson, John C. Smith, Dennis Wright, and Eddie Yaun.

John deMoll did an outstanding job as chairman of the Golf Tournament. He was assisted by Ronald Brady and Mary Anderson.

Two and one half days of interesting and well attended technical sessions were thanks to Jeff Breedlove, chairman of Technical Sessions, and to the excellent conference presenters.

Thanks to Joe Connolly who handled the Wednesday evening Trashman's Bash which featured Elvis. Food and liquid refreshments were in generous supply and enjoyed by all who attended.

At lunch on Thursday a champion fiddler from Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theatre entertained. He received much appreciative applause for his outstanding fiddle playing.

Quad State ended Friday morning with three sessions and the grand prize drawing for the big screen TV.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007

- October 13-16 SWANA/TCAPWA Joint
Conference, Clarksville
- October 16-18 Wastecon, Reno, NV

2008

- April 30-May 2 Solid/Hazardous Waste Show,
Gatlinburg
- May 5-7 Waste Expo, Chicago, IL
- October 19 -? Wastecon (no location given)